

INSIDE SANTA CLARA

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FALL 2012



Special edition of Inside Santa Clara

This edition of *Inside Santa Clara* is packed with information!

It contains three special inserts of importance to the community: a guide to the annual **Art & Wine Festival**, a **Vote Ethics** insert, and a special issue of **Holidays in Your Hometown**.

There is plenty to read and enjoy, and remember that additional detailed and current information is always available on the City's website, santaclaraca.gov.

You must dial 11 digit phone numbers starting October 20

Starting October 20, all phone calls made within the 408 area code must include 11 digits — 1+area code+telephone number – even if the call is from one 408 number to another 408 number.

The change results from the addition of a second area code, 669, to the region as an overlay to accommodate the demand for new phone numbers. Current 408 numbers will not change to a 669 area code.

Starting now you can convert the preprogrammed phone numbers on your cell phones, fax machines, Internet dial-up numbers, voice mail services, alarm and security systems, etc. to dial all 11 digits. After October 20, calls made without the 1+area code+telephone number will not be completed and a recording will instruct you to hang up and dial again.

The 669 area code will serve customers in the same geographic region as the current 408 area code that covers most of Santa Clara County and small portions of Alameda and Santa Cruz Counties. It is expected that new telephone services that start in November 2012 or later will most likely

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Celebrating Our Diversity

Santa Clara is one of the most diverse cities in America. Since the early days of the city, people have come from all over the globe to make Santa Clara their home. This is the second in a regular spotlight feature on the rich and varied heritage of Santa Clara's residents.

Korean community excels in restaurants, small businesses



Korean emigration to the U.S. started in 1882 when the U.S. signed a treaty of peace, friendship and commerce with Korea. Korean men worked on Hawaiian sugar plantations and many then moved to California. More Koreans arrived as military brides from 1950 to 1989, and thousands more have come to America since then to join their families. Residents of Korean descent now represent about 2.25% of the City of Santa Clara's population.

According to the Korean American Chamber of Commerce, more than 400 businesses located in the City of Santa Clara are owned and operated by Korean Americans. Many are small stores

and restaurants located along El Camino Real in Santa Clara. The Super Kyo-Po Plaza Supermarket on Homestead specializes in Korean ingredients for the home cook.

The Korean American community is close-knit with its own Bay Area newspaper and radio stations, churches, and programs for seniors.

To learn more about the Korean community of Santa Clara, visit the Santa Clara City Library. The Library collection includes several hundred items in the Korean language, as well as books, DVDs and articles in English about Korean culture and history.

Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival

Central Park Saturday & Sunday, September 15 & 16



Come enjoy the 32nd annual Santa Clara Art & Wine Festival in beautiful Central Park, 909 Kiely Blvd., the weekend of Sept. 15-16. This spectacular, annual event is held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day and offers something for everyone.

Start the morning with a delicious pancake breakfast at the Pavilion. Spend your afternoon browsing among a variety of 175 arts and crafts booths, with items ranging from fine paintings to toys, jewelry, ceramics, and more.

Enjoy premium wines served by J. Lohr, Wente, Bargetto, and Guglielmo wineries or micro-brewed beer provided by Gordon Biersch Brewing Company. Satisfy your taste buds in "Food Alley," where two dozen community groups will cook up international food favorites such as tri-tip sandwiches, tamales, and Chinese chicken salad. Other popular items include Philly cheese steak sandwiches, funnel cake, kettle corn and more.

There is a variety of continuous live entertainment on three stages throughout the park. Talented community groups perform at the Meadow Stage. In the Pavilion you can swing

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2012-13 budget adopted by City Council

A budget balanced without the use of reserves was adopted by the City Council for the 2012-13 fiscal year that started July 1, an encouraging sign that the economy is continuing to slowly rebound after the Great Recession.

Property tax, sales tax and Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) charged to guests staying at local hotels and motels are expected to perform well in generating revenues for the City's General Fund. Tight reins on expenses, such as eliminating, freezing or holding vacant 100 positions and continuing unpaid furlough days for City employees, helped bring the budget into balance without the use of reserves. City employees helped close the budget gap beginning in fiscal year 2010-11 by foregoing scheduled pay increases and taking unpaid furlough days that have saved several million dollars per year. A Council goal is to rebuild reserve accounts that were depleted at the height of the economic crisis.

Still unknown is the final impact the dissolution of the City's Redevelopment Agency will have on the General Fund. Details are under discussion by an Oversight Board representing the County, California Community Colleges, Santa Clara Valley Water District, the County Office of Education, and the City – each bringing a different perspective about the State Legislature's intention in dissolving Redevelopment Agencies throughout the State.

Information about the budget can be found on the City's website **santaclaraca.gov** and copies of the 2012-13 budget can be found online and at City Hall and the City Libraries.

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to the sounds of popular bands, including The Spazmatics on Saturday and the Joe Sharino Band on Sunday.

With something to offer everyone, Kids Kingdom is the place to be for families. Grab lunch at the food court, enjoy entertainment on the Kids Kingdom Stage, slide down the Giant Slide, or climb up the Rock Climbing Wall. You can also try your hand at Carnival Games, visit the Fire Safety Trailer, take your picture with a D.A.R.E vehicle, get your child fingerprinted at the Kids ID booth, or check out the Face Painting area.

Admission to the festival is free. Proceeds from the two-day festival benefit local charities. For further information, call the Community Recreation Center at 1-408-615-3140 or visit the website santaclaraartandwine.com.

PAVILION STAGE ENTERTAINMENT Saturday, September 15

10:15 - 11:00 a.m. Ike Cosse (Classic Rhythm & Blues)
11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. . The Megatones (Premier Bay Area Cover Band)
1:15 - 2:30 p.m. The Hitmen (Dance Party Favorites)
3:15 - 5:00 p.m. The Spazmatics (Incredible 80's Cover Band)

Sunday, September 16

10:15 - 11:00 a.m. Michael Madigan (Original and Popular Favorites)

11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. . Live Wire (Contemporary Party Hits

1:15 - 2:30 p.m. David Ladd and the Downtown All Stars (Original Jazz and Classic Funk

3:15 - 5:00 p.m. Joe Sharino Band (South Bay's Favorite Party Band)

Keep falling leaves away from storm drains

Falling leaves left in the street gutter can clog storm drains and cause potential flooding of neighborhood streets. Thorough yard clean-ups once or twice this fall can improve the look of your property and neighborhood, reduce chances of flooding, prevent pollution to local creeks and increase public/environmental health.

Start by cleaning rain gutters and down spouts. Sweep or rake fallen leaves into piles on your property, and place the piles into your Clean Green cart for curbside collection and recycling. Do not blow or rake leaves into the street. If wet weather begins before all clean-up projects are complete, cover or contain piles of leaves, dirt, sand or other materials so that they're not washed into the street or gutter. All fertilizers and pesticides should be stored indoors or under cover.

Keep an eye on the storm drain catch basins in your neighborhood. If a catch basin is flooded and clogged with leaves, clear it with a broom or call the City of Santa Clara Street Department at 1-408-615-3080.

For more information on leaf and green waste recycling, call Mission Trail Waste Systems at 1-408-727-5365. For more information on ways to prevent storm drain pollution, call Santa Clara Valley Urban Runoff Pollution Control Program at 1-800-794-2482.

Area Code (Continued from page 1)

receive the new 669 area code.

The price of a call, coverage area, or other rates and services will not change due to the overlay. What is a local call now will remain a local call regardless of the number of digits dialed.

You can still dial just three digits to reach 9-1-1 for emergencies, as well as 2-1-1 for United Way's Information & Referral helpline, 4-1-1 for directory assistance or 5-1-1 for public transportation information.

Information about the overlay is available at cpuc.ca.gov/PUC/Telco/generalinfo/Area+Codes/408+Area=Code.htm.

City Public Meeting Schedule

Board of Library Trustees*	1st Monday6:30 pm
Citizens Advisory Committee	4th Monday7 pm
City Council	Two Tuesdays per month 7 pm
Civil Service Commission	2nd Monday7 pm
Cultural Advisory Commission	1st Monday7:30 pm
Historical & Landmarks Commission	1st Thursday7 pm
International Exchange Commission	1st Tuesday7 pm
Parks & Recreation Commission	3rd Tuesday7 pm
Planning Commission	One Wednesday per month 7 pm
Senior Advisory Commission**	4th Monday10 am
Youth Commission (during the school year)***	2nd Tuesday 6 pm

Some commissions/committees meet monthly and others meet semi-monthly. Agendas for City Council, Board and Commission meetings are posted at the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, the Central Park Library and Mission Library, and on the City website, at least 3 days before the listed meeting. Complete agenda packets with back-up reports for City Council meetings are available at either City Library beginning Saturday before the Tuesday meetings, or at the City Clerk's Office on weekdays. The City website also allows for the viewing of Council Agenda Reports online. Visit santaclaraca.gov and search for "City Meetings."

- * Meeting is at Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Road
- ** Meeting is at the Senior Center, 1303 Fremont Street
- *** Meeting is at Teen Center, 2446 Cabrillo Avenue

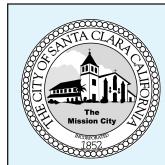
Online schedule: santaclaraca.gov

Dates and times may vary. Call 1-408-615-2220 for information.

City of Santa Clara Code of Ethics & Values

Ethical
Professional
Service-Oriented
Fiscally Responsible
Organized
Communicative
Collaborative
Progressive

Ethics Every Day: Making Ethical Values a Good Habit





CITY OF SANTA CLARA QUARTERLY REPORT

Fall 2012

(Delivered bulk mail to every residential and business address in Santa Clara)

Santa Clara City Council

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City Goals and Priorities 2011-2013

The City Council priority is to focus on successful completion of existing City projects, postpone new City projects and proposals, and operate within Counciladopted budget principles and priorities, with the goal of guiding the City successfully to economic recovery. (The complete Council Principles and Priorities 2011-2013 can be found on the City website.

Visit santaclaraca.gov and search for "Council Goals.")

City Mission Statement

The mission of the City of Santa Clara is to promote a living and working environment that allows for the best quality of life by serving the community with resourceful, efficient, progressive and professional leadership.

- Adopted by Council action, July 25, 1989 -



Another chance to serve

Recent openings include the International Exchange and Cultural Advisory Commissions. Applications for both are due Nov. 21, with interviews to be held Nov. 27. Both these Commissions have seven members and generally meet monthly.

The International Exchange Commission advises the City Council on matters pertaining to Santa Clara's sister cities and international exchange. The Cultural Advisory Commission advises the Council on matters pertaining to the purchase and placement of public art and potential City-funding of community groups, and organizes annual events such as the summer Concerts in the Park series.

Openings also remain on the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Committee and the Civil Service Commission. Applications for both are due on Sept. 5, and interviews will be held on Sept. 11.

The four-member Housing Rehabilitation Loan Committee votes on projects and issues related to the Neighborhood Conservation and Improvement Program to rehabilitate homes of low to moderate income homeowners in the City. It meets quarterly. The five-member Civil Service Commission advises the Council on matters related to Civil Service rules and regulations, and acts as a Board of Review to hear petitions by Civil Service employees and applicants. It generally meets the second Monday of every other month at 7 p.m.

Applications and information are available from the City Clerk's Office, 1500 Warburton Ave. and on the website **santaclaraca.gov**. Call 1-408-615-2220 or email **clerk@santaclaraca.gov** for more information.

ADA Advisory Committee joint meetings

The City of Santa Clara Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Advisory Committee will hold its joint quarterly meetings with the City Staff ADA Compliance Committee on two upcoming dates:

- Monday, September 17
- Monday, December 10.

Meetings are held from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Community Room of the Mission Library Family Reading Center, 1098 Lexington St., and are open to the public. Agendas are posted on the City's website at least three days in advance of the meeting at santaclaraca.gov/meetings.

The ADA Advisory Committee is composed of representatives from the community, both individuals and organizations such as Hearing Loss Association of America, and the Adult Independence Development Center. Members of the public are encouraged to attend the meetings and participate in the various accessibility issues discussed.

For further information, contact the Engineering Department of the City at 1-408-615-3000.

Change your clock, change your smoke detector batteries

Daylight savings time comes to an end on November 4, and all clocks will need to "fall back" one hour. This is the perfect time to remember to also change the batteries in all smoke and carbon monoxide detectors in your home.

Most home fires occur at night when people are sleeping. Rather than awakening you, as many people believe, smoke and toxic gases generated by a fire actually cause you to sleep more deeply. Working detectors double the chance of surviving a fire by providing the extra time that is critical for a safe escape.

Nationally, more than 90 percent of all homes have smoke detectors, but it is estimated that one-third of those don't work because of old or missing batteries.

The Santa Clara Fire Department recommends replacing smoke detector batteries at least once a year, even if they appear to be working. Replacing the batteries on a regular basis prevents the possibility that the detectors will start "chirping" (indicating that the batteries need to be replaced) and continue chirping

until the battery is replaced. Since there's no way to predict when a fire will occur, the worst thing to do is disconnect the detector to stop the noise.

Long-time City Manager retires

Santa Clara's long-time City Manager Jennifer Sparacino retired on June 30 after 25 years of leading the City through population growth, budget crises, major capital projects, and expanded municipal services. Ron Garratt, former Assistant City Manager for Santa Clara, has been appointed by the City Council to serve as Interim City Manager while a search is conducted for a new City Manager.

Jennifer, who had the longest continuous tenure of all City Managers currently managing the 15 cities of Santa Clara County, was praised by the Mayor and Council for her outstanding record of public service.

As City Manager, Jennifer oversaw hundreds of municipal projects and accomplishments such as construction of the Central Park Library, Santa Clara Youth Soccer Park, and the Don Von Raesfeld 147 MW electric power plant in the City of Santa Clara, renovation and expansion of the Senior Center, establishment of the City's award-winning *Ethics & Values Program*, and the City's selection by the National Civic League as an *All-America City*.

In 2004, Jennifer received the most prestigious award in her professional field for her career achievements — the "Award for Career Excellence in Honor of Mark E. Keane" from ICMA, the International City/County Management Association. Sparacino was recognized for "many years of distinguished service to the City of Santa Clara and (for) her reputation for promoting ethical leadership, inspiring city officials around the world."

In a letter to the Mayor and Council, Jennifer said the City of Santa Clara has been more than a place of employment. "It has been a great community in which to live and work. The years have been personally very rewarding, full of opportunities, accomplishments, challenges and celebrations," she said.

Train service expands at Santa Clara Depot



Train service at Caltrain's Santa Clara depot has expanded, providing a seamless connection between Caltrain, Capitol Corridor and the Altamont Commuter Express (ACE) train services. The Capitol Corridor rail service transports passengers between Santa Clara and Oakland and Sacramento. ACE serves those traveling between San Joaquin and Santa Clara counties.

There are six weekday ACE trains. ACE's three westbound trains arrive at Santa Clara at 6:20 a.m., 7:35 a.m. and 8:40 a.m. Its eastbound service departs the Santa Clara Station at 3:40 p.m., 4:40 p.m. and 5:40 p.m. ACE trains also stop at the Great America Station at Tasman Avenue under the Lafayette overpass. For ACE's complete schedule go to acerail.com or call 1-800-411-RAIL.

The Capitol Corridor service is labeled "Santa Clara/University Station" in Capitol Corridor and Amtrak's most recent schedules. Capitol Corridor trains also stop at the Great America Station. On weekdays, there are seven westbound Capitol Corridor trains scheduled and seven eastbound trains departing from the Santa Clara/University Station. Capitol Corridor operates the same number of trains on weekends, but on a different time schedule. You can find the most up-to-date train schedule, special promotions and other service details by visiting **capitolcorridor.org** or by calling 1-877-974-3322. Discounted multi-ride tickets are also available for frequent riders.

The additional train service is significant to Silicon Valley workers who commute from the Central Valley and East Bay, students who attend Santa Clara University, and those who want to visit Sacramento, but don't want to get stuck driving on congested freeways. Capitol Corridor's weekend trains will be a convenient travel option for 49er football fans heading to daytime games when the new stadium opens in 2014.



Even one night without a working smoke detector can be dangerous!

The Santa Clara Fire Department recommends having a smoke detector in each bedroom and in the hallways adjacent to any sleeping areas. Smoke detectors, (even those that are hard-wired), should be tested monthly to ensure that you have the protection you need when you need it. Carbon monoxide detectors installed in the home can also save lives, and should be checked regularly to ensure they are operational.

For further information regarding fire and life safety, call the Santa Clara Fire Marshal's Office at 1-408-615-4970.



Fall Fun!

Fall fun in Recreation

The Fall 2012 *Recreation Activities Guide* was mailed to residents and posted online on Aug. 15. To access the *Guide* online, go to **santaclaraca.gov** and select "Activities and Classes." Copies of the *Guide* are now available at the Community Recreation Center, Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center, Teen Center, City Hall, Central Park Library, and Mission Library Family Reading Center.

New offerings this fall include a donut workshop teaching techniques and easy ways to make the perfect donut at home, "skinny jeans" workout classes to increase your heart rate and target your lower body to tone and change, and an easy kayak trip to view the eagles that migrate to Lake San Antonio.

- Important dates for online, mail-in and walk-in registration:
 Resident online and mail-in registration began Aug. 22
- Non-resident registration began Aug. 27
- Walk-in registration begins Sept. 5

Space is still available in classes! Many Fall programs begin the week of Sept. 16, and other programs begin in October and November. Call 1-408-615-3140 for *Guide* and registration information.



Farmers Market Every Saturday

The Downtown Santa Clara Farmers Market continues year-round every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Jackson St. between Benton and Homestead. Each season brings in new crops of fruits and vegetables.

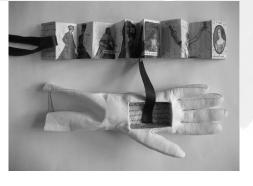
Look for greens, winter squash, and late berries this fall. Colorful bouquets of cut flowers for the home or plants for patio and garden are available. Baked goods and specialty dishes are yours to enjoy, while listening to live music and enjoying fresh air with friends and neighbors. Customers are encouraged to bring their own reusable bags or to purchase reusable organic cotton bags at the Farmers Market. The Urban Village Farmers Market Association provides recycle, compost and trash containers for customer use, and requires vendors to use BioBags and other certified biodegradable bags in lieu of single-use plastic bags. Questions? Call 1-510-745-7100.

Discover & Go!

Find exciting cultural and educational things for you and your family to do both indoors and out via the *Discover & Go* network! This website may be searched by venue or date, then enter your last name and library card number. You will receive free admission or discounted passes to visit participating museums (art, science, technology, historical, etc.), zoos and aquariums, parks, theaters, and cultural events and institutions. More venues are being added regularly. See the link on the Library's home page (library.santaclaraca.gov) under the Research/Resources drop down menu.

Fall Exhibits at de Saisset

The de Saisset Museum at Santa Clara University features two new exhibits this fall that examine both the materiality and function of art. Guest curated by Sheryl Nonnenberg, "Beyond Function: Fiber, Fabric, and Finery" explores innovations in textile art through the work of 11 Bay Area artists. "Jeweled Prosthetics: Jewelry as Extension of Self," an exhibit



organized by guest curator Melissa Behravesh, features pieces by two artists who take jewelry beyond the realm of conventional adornment. Both exhibitions are on view through Dec. 2. A free, public reception for both sets of curators and artists will take place on Oct. 4, 7-8:30 p.m. A panel discussion entitled "Relieved of All Utility: Three Textile Artists Discuss Their Work" is scheduled for Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. with artists Therese May, Stephanie Metz and Pam Moore.

Charlotte's Web - the musical

Roberta Jones Junior Theatre's production of this beloved classic book by E.B. White, with music and lyrics by Charles Strouse, tells the enchanting tale of the unusual friendship between Wilbur, the terrific pig, and Charlotte, the spider who uses her web to save Wilbur's life. Auditions are Sept. 4 or 6, rehearsals begin Sept. 11, and performances are November 9

through 18 at the Community Recreation Center. All children ages 8 through 18 are invited to audition; everyone who auditions will be cast in the show. For information, children and parent participant requirements, audition tips and clothing, costumes and more, please visit RJJT.org.

Friends of the Library Book Sales Sept. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17

Add to your private book collection, find a bargain, start your holiday shopping early and support the Santa Clara City Library. Book sales will be held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., in the Central Park Library, 2635 Homestead Rd.

Donations of gently used books, DVDs, VHS tapes, CDs and audio tapes are gratefully accepted for these sales that raise money to support Library programs and services. Drop off items at the Central Park Library or call 1-408-615-2936. Did you know the



Friends of the Santa Clara Public Library operate an online bookstore at Amazon.com? With more than a thousand titles offered for sale, this is a great place to buy books and support the Library at the same time! Go to lovethelibrary.org and follow our link.

Movie Night at the Harris Lass Museum Friday, Sept. 21

"The Valley That Was," a documentary produced in the 1970s by the Santa Clara County Office of Education and KTEH Public Television, will be shown free in the 1867-era Barn on the Harris Lass Museum Preserve, 1889 Market St. The 30-minute film chronicles the transformation of Santa Clara Valley as housing subdivisions replace orchards, and the economy no longer is based on agricultural businesses. Film showings will be held at 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m., and popcorn will be served. Call the Harris-Lass Message Line at 1-408-249-7905 or view the Museum's website at harrislass.org for more information. RSVP to Leo at 1-408-985-5384 with the time you would like to attend.

Great America's Halloween Haunt All You Fear Is Here!

Sept. 28-30, Oct. 5-7, 12-14, 19-21, 26-28

Once again the park will take on a dark and sinister side, transforming into the 5th Annual Halloween Haunt, which takes place every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening September 28th through October 28th. This ultimate, in-your-face Halloween experience beckons brave souls to



take on their worst nightmares as the park adds terrifying elements, including spine tingling haunted mazes, themed scare zones, live stage shows and other themed attractions, all combined with the park's collection of world-class thrill rides. Halloween Haunt is a special ticketed event and requires a separate ticket for admission. Haunt is not recommended for wimps or children under 13 years of age. For more information, call 1-408-988-1776 or visit cagreatamerica.com.

Prescription Drug Take Back Day Saturday, Sept. 29

Remove potentially dangerous old, unwanted or unused prescription drugs from your medicine cabinet and dispose of them safely at this event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot of the Santa Clara Police Department, 601 El Camino Real. This event is open to both residents and non-residents.

The safe disposal of prescription drugs, especially controlled substances, keeps drugs out of the hands of children, teens and adults who might abuse them, and also prevents them from entering the wastewater system.

Year round, Santa Clara residents (only) may dispose of unwanted prescription drugs at a secured drop off location in the Santa Clara Police Department lobby during normal business hours.

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Early Santa Clara Valley Monday, Oct. 1

Tim Stanley, author of *The Last of the* Prune Pickers: a Pre-Silicon Valley Story, will talk about the pear, apricot, cherry, walnut and prune orchards that use to cover the area now known as Silicon Valley. The event is 6 to 8 p.m. at the Central Park Library Redwood Room. For more information, contact Local History Librarian Mary Hanel by email: mhanel@santaclaraca.gov or by phone: 1-408-615-2909.



Sister Cities Association BBQ Sunday, Oct. 7

The 31st Annual Santa Clara Sister Cities Association Chicken BBQ features a menu a juicy, barbecued half-chicken, Gerri Gamma's Portuguese-style beans and Elise DeYoung's famous garlic bread – all for only \$13. Proceeds benefit Sister Cities Association activities. The event begins at 1:30 p.m. at the Elks Lodge on Martin Ave. For more information contact Debi Davis at 1-408-687-0331 or debid56@comcast.net.

Environmental Day

Saturday, Oct. 20

Recology will hold an Environmental Day from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at its 650 Martin Ave. location (near Lafayette St.). This event will provide Santa Clara residents with the opportunity to recycle clothing, e-waste (computers, monitors, printers, etc.), u-waste (batteries, cell phone, CFLs and fluorescent light tubes), and children's plastic play structures and toys. In addition, residents can bring confidential documents for shredding. To participate, residents must bring a Santa Clara utility bill and photo I.D. For more information, call 1-408-615-3080 or 1-408-970-5100.

Home Composting Class

Saturday, Oct. 20

Learn how to turn green waste and food scraps into compost for your garden. Santa Clara County Master Composters will conduct a free home composting class at Machado Park, 3360 Cabrillo Ave. from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Register by calling the County "Rotline" at 1-408-918-4640 or go to ReduceWaste.org.

Santa Clara Players

Oct. 26-Nov. 17

The Santa Clara Players will perform "Nana's Naughty Knickers," by Katherine DiSavino, a comedy about a granddaughter's summer visit to her favorite Nana and what she discovers — sweet Grandma is running an illegal boutique from her apartment, selling hand-made naughty knickers to every senior citizen in the five borough area! Tickets are \$10 - \$18. For performance dates, times, and reservations, visit scplayers.org or call 1-408-248-7993.

Children's Halloween Party

Wednesday, Oct. 31

Come celebrate Halloween at our annual SPOOKTACULAR party from 3-6 p.m. at the Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center, 2450 Cabrillo Ave. The free party includes carnival games, tiny tots play area, bounce houses, arts and crafts, pumpkin walk, information booths from the Library, Police and Fire Departments, and lots of treats! Refreshments will be sold by the Youth Commission. Preschool age children through 5th grade are welcome to participate. Everyone is encouraged to come in costume. For more information, call 1-408-615-3760.

Train Show

Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 3-4

Operating model trains on two museum quality displays, numerous

historic artifacts, and a preserved historic depot all provide focal points for the Train Show and Open House at the Santa Clara Depot. The fall program is one of two fundraisers held each year to support the operations at the **Edward Peterman** Museum of Railroad



History. The museum is housed in the former Southern Pacific Depot, built in 1863, adjacent to the Caltrain tracks. The train show is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day and a donation of \$5 per adult over the age of 18 is requested at the entrance.

A second feature that weekend is a peek inside a historic rail car. The former business car from the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Co. was placed into service in December 1912, making it 100 years old. Inside the 83-foot-long car, viewers can observe the observation room, secretary's room, small kitchen, crew's quarters, dining room, and the superintendent's and assistant superintendent's private state rooms. The South Bay Historical Railroad Society is restoring the car to its 1922 appearance. The railcar will be open to visitors between 12:30 and 4 pm each day.

Also open to visitors from 1-3 p.m. each day will be the historic railroad tower, opened by the Southern Pacific Railroad in 1927. The tower and its interlocking switch controls handled rail traffic at the junction of SP's Mulford Line and the San Francisco Peninsula Line, as well as the railroad's multi-tracked freight yard.

The model railroads inside the Santa Clara Depot – one HO-scale (1:87) and one N-scale (1:160) —demonstrate western railroading. Each layout, set in timeframes ending about 1970, illustrate structures, motor vehicles, businesses, and industries typical of the era. Many of the operating trains are typical of that era too, although many members operate trains of more contemporary eras.

The Company Store will be open, where visitors can purchase a variety of used model railroad locomotives and rolling stock, books, videos and DVDs about real and model railroading, and various artifacts. For more information, call 1-408-243-3969 or visit the website sbhrs.org.

Walking in a Whisker Wonderland

Nov. 3

The Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority (SVACA) will be hosting their annual winter adoption event on Saturday, November 3, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Your new best friend may be waiting for you at SVACA! Adopters can 'Pay What They Want' in adoption fees which includes the spay or neuter of the animal, initial appropriate vaccinations, a professional health examination and behavior evaluation, microchip, temporary ID tag and collar, and a free examination at a participating local veterinary clinic. Santa Clara residents also receive a license for their new companion. All adoptable animals can be viewed online at svaca.com. Santa will make his first appearance of the season so bring your pet and join the Friends of SVACA for Photos with Santa; a \$10 donation is requested. SVACA's cageless animal care center is located at 3370 Thomas Rd. in Santa Clara. Contact 1-408-764-0344 or visit svaca.com for more information.

Mission City Community Fund Dinner & Auction Saturday, Nov. 3

Come celebrate with Mission City Community Fund at its annual fundraising dinner and auction in the Mission City Ballroom of the Santa Clara Convention Center. Proceeds from the event are donated to local charities serving Santa Clara residents and the surrounding region. MCCF is pleased to announce that this year's Austen Warburton Community Service Award honoree is retired City Manager Jennifer Sparacino. The evening includes a drawing for a brand-new 2013 Infiniti automobile, the annual Christmas Tree Raffle for a fully decorated tree and dozens of gifts to put under it, and the opportunity to bid on live and silent auction items that include unique travel destinations and one-of-a-kind experiences. Tickets for this fun-filled evening are \$125 per person, which includes cocktail appetizers, dinner, wine, dessert and dancing to the music of Sage. Tickets for the Car Drawing, Christmas Tree Raffle and Dinner are available on the MCCF website at **missioncityfund.org**.

Veterans Day Ceremony Sunday, Nov. 11

A ceremony honoring veterans will be held at 3 p.m. at the Santa Clara Veterans Memorial in Central Park, 909 Kiely Blvd. Handicap parking and wheelchair assistance are available in the employee parking lot at the Community Recreation Center. For more information contact James Lee at 1-408-296-2512. You can also arrange to have a brick installed at this lovely memorial to honor a veteran. The donation is \$125, and a form can be found online at santaclaraveteransmemorial.com.

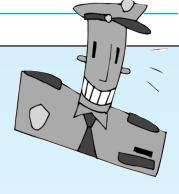
Thanksgiving Dinner for those in need

Thursday, Nov. 22

A free traditional Thanksgiving Dinner will be served to the homeless and families in need in our community, and military personnel in transit, on Thanksgiving Day at St. Clare's Parish Hall, corner of Lexington and Lafayette Sts. All adults and children are welcome between 12 noon and 4 p.m. This is the 6th annual Thanksgiving Dinner for the community sponsored by the Marsalli Family Foundation (501c45-361365). For information, email turkeydnr@gmail.com.

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CODE COMPLIANCE QUESTIONS



Every weekend, there seems to be a flurry of signs posted at the corner of my street. Some of the signs are for open houses and others are for garage sales. Are these signs legal?

The Santa City Code specifically restricts the posting of signs on public property, including any public right-of-way such as sidewalks, power poles or light standards. Stapling or nailing signs to power poles can present a hazard to workers who may be required to service the pole.

Signs that are illegally posted on public property can be reported to the Street Department at 1-408-615-3080. Removed signs are held for at least 10 days while attempts are made to inform the owner of their location. The City may recover all the costs associated with the removal of the signs from the owner of the signs.

Keep in mind, however, that if the signs are posted and removed during the weekend, there may not be time for City staff to respond to complaints. Be a good neighbor - - please don't post signs on public property.

What can I burn in my fireplace?

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District is responsible for enforcing regulations regarding the air quality in the City of Santa Clara and reducing the amount of air pollutants. According to the District, only dry seasoned wood or manufactured logs should be burned in your fireplace. Manufactured logs actually burn cleaner than wood logs and leave less ash to clean up afterwards. Newspaper may be used to help kindle the fire. Never burn garbage, glossy paper, or wood that has been painted or chemically treated. These materials increase the amount of pollutants produced by your fire.

Annually, the District's "Spare the Air" Winter Program runs from November through February. As part of the program, the District will issue Winter Spare the Air Alerts prohibiting all burning in fireplaces and

Complaints regarding smoke and other air pollutants should be directed the Bay Area Air Quality Management District at 1-800-334-ODOR (6367).

Care for your street tree

Trees provide neighborhoods with numerous advantages: beauty, oxygen, sound absorption, wind deflection, shade protection, air purification, increased real estate values, erosion control, and energy conservation. These are the reasons why Santa Clara has invested in planting street trees throughout the City.

The City takes responsibility for planting, maintaining, and removing (if necessary) City street trees, which are placed in the property frontage within the City right-of-way easement, usually the front yard of a residence. The property owner is responsible only for watering and fertilizing the tree.

If a City street tree needs trimming or is suspected of having disease, call the Street Department at 1-408-615-3080. Having a City street tree trimmed or removed by anyone other than City personnel is punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000, plus the cost to replace the tree as well as any associated administrative costs.

The City appreciates the help of all residents in providing for the watering and fertilizing of these valuable community assets planted in front of their homes. If you don't have a street tree and would like to be placed on a list to obtain one, call 1-408-615-3080.

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Winter/Spring recreation activities

The upcoming Winter/Spring Recreation Activities Guide will be mailed to residents and available online beginning Dec. 12. The Winter/Spring Guide will be at City facilities beginning Dec. 13.

To access the Guide online, go to santaclaraca.gov and select "Activities and Classes." Pick up copies of the Guide at the Community Recreation Center, City Hall, Senior Center, Teen Center, Walter E. Schmidt Youth Activity Center, Central Park Library or Mission Library Family Reading Center.

No electricity rate increase in 2013

Silicon Valley Power, the City's municipal Electric Utility, has announced that there will be no increase in electricity rates in 2013.

"As a municipal utility, we have a responsibility to provide efficient, clean and reliable energy to our community, at the best possible rates," explained John Roukema, director of Silicon Valley Power, a department of the City. "By working to obtain power for our community from a variety of sources, we are able to provide our residents and businesses with reliable energy at the lowest rates in California."

A recent survey by the California Municipal Rates Group found that Silicon Valley Power has the lowest average rates in California.

Silicon Valley Power				
2011 POWER CONTENT LABEL				
		2011 SVP POWER MIX	2010 CA POWER MIX**	
	ENERGY RESOURCES		(for comparison)	
	Eligible Renewable	25.1%	13.7%	
	Biomass & waste	0.4%	2.4%	
	Geothermal	2.8%	4.6%	
	Eligible Hydro	5.7%	1.7%	
	Solar	0.0%	0.3%	
	Wind	16.2%	4.7%	
	Coal	12.9%	7.7%	
	Large Hydro	22.8%	10.8%	
	Natural Gas	16.1%	41.9%	
	Nuclear	0.0%	13.9%	
	Other	0.0%	0.0%	
	Unspecified sources of power*	23.1%	12.0%	
	TOTAL	100.0%	100.0%	
*	"Unspecified sources of power" means electricity from transactions that are not traceable to specific generation sources. Percentages are estimated annually by the California Energy			
**				
	Commission based on the electricity sold to California consumers			
	during the previous year.			
For specific information about this electricity product, contact				
Silicon Valley Power. For general information about the Power				
Content Label, contact the California Energy Commission at				
	1-800-555-7794 or http://www.energy.ca.gov/sb1305/index.html			

Pay for student school meals online

-Meal assistance also available



Santa Clara Unified School District is providing parents and guardians of children in the district with convenient online services for meal service payment. Parents can

pay for their child's meals and also use an online application to seek free/reduced fee meals for families that qualify.

Parents set up an account for each child on the santaclarausd.org website on the MyNutrikids.com link. There is a \$1.75 convenience fee charged for each transaction. SCUSD will not profit from the use of this

Families that want to apply for free or reduced fee meals for their child will find the application in English and Spanish on the privacy secured site https://onlinemealapps.scusd.net. Children who received free or reduced fee meals during the 2011-12 school year will need to reapply for the 2012-13 school year by Sept. 28.

For further information, contact Tina Cooley at 1-408-423-2152 or email tcooley@scusd.net.

Single-stream curbside recycling

Santa Clara's curbside recycling program provides single-family homes with a lidded, wheeled blue cart, similar to the garbage and Clean Green carts used for household garbage and yardwaste. Cart size can be changed by calling Recology at 1-408-970-5100. There is no additional charge for changing cart size. Multi-family residences use wheeled carts or front load bins.

On your regular solid waste collection day, simply put the wheeled recycling cart in the gutter line next to your garbage and Clean Green carts (be sure to leave at least 3 feet of space between each cart).

Recyclable items to be placed in the blue cart include newspaper, corrugated cardboard, mixed papers, glass bottles and jars, aluminum, bi-metal and tin cans, discharged metal spray paint cans, steel and other types of kitchen scrap metals, and any plastic container, bottle or bag marked with a

#1,#2,#3,#4,#5,#6 or #7 inside of triangular arrow recycling symbol.

Single-family homes can recycle used motor oil and motor oil filters; place used motor oil in one-gallon or less plastic screw-top containers, and used motor oil filters in clear plastic Ziploc-type bags. Used motor oil should be placed next to the blue wheeled cart, and drained motor oil filters in Ziploc-type bags should be placed on top of the blue wheeled cart.

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Fire Department urges residents to "Have Two Ways Out!"



If you woke up to a fire in your home, how much time do you think you would have to get to safety? According to the National Fire Protection Association, one-third of Americans households estimate they thought they would have at least six minutes before a fire in their home would become life threatening. Unfortunately, the time available is often less.

That's why the Santa Clara Fire Department is teaming up with the Association during Fire Prevention Week, October 7-13, to urge residents to "Have Two Ways Out!" and to take the time now to identify and practice two escape exits from each room in the house.

In 2010, U.S. fire departments responded to 369,500 home structure fires. These fires caused 13,350 civilian injuries, 2,640 civilian deaths, and \$6.9 billion in direct damage.

"One home structure fire was reported every 85 seconds in 2010," said Santa Clara Fire Chief Bill Kelly. "Fire is unpredictable and moves faster than most people realize. Having a tried and true escape plan with two ways is essential to ensuring your family's safety should fire break out in your home."

The Santa Clara Fire Department recommends the following tips for planning your family's escape:

- Make a map of your home. Mark a door and a window that can be used to get out of every room.
- Choose a meeting place outside of your home where everyone can meet once they've escaped. Draw a picture of your outside meeting place on your escape plan.
- Write the emergency telephone number for the fire department on your escape plan.
- Have an adult sound the smoke alarm and practice your escape plan with everyone living in your home.
- Keep your escape plan on the refrigerator or posted in another prominent location. Practice the plan twice a year or whenever anyone in your home celebrates a birthday.

The Santa Clara Fire Department will host activities including open houses at select fire stations and school visits during Fire Prevention Week to promote "Have Two Ways Out!" Through these educational, family-oriented activities, residents can learn more about the importance of fire escape planning and practice, as well as the power of prevention.

To find out more about Fire Prevention Week programs and activities in the City of Santa Clara, contact the Santa Clara Fire Department at 1-408-615-4970. To learn more about "Have Two Ways Out!" visit firepreventionweek.org.

Nonprofit partner agencies available to help residents

The City of Santa Clara contracts with a number of local nonprofit agencies for community services that help low-income individuals and families. These agencies have been funded by either the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement program or the Santa Clara Housing Authority Affordable Housing Fund program.

Here are a few of the agencies and the services that they provide for Santa Clara:

- Catholic Charities Shared Housing (shared housing services for families and single-parents with children); 1-408-325-5277
- InnVision (emergency rental assistance); 1-408-292-4286
- Emergency Housing Consortium (transitional housing support services); 1-408-539-2100
- Bill Wilson Center (counseling for youth and families, and grief counseling); 1-408-243-0222
- Family Health Foundation (medical insurance for children); 1-408-874-1999
- YMCA of Silicon Valley (domestic violence counseling, legal services, emergency shelter); 1-408-541-6100
- Senior Adult Legal Services (SALA) (individual counseling on civil legal issues for seniors); 1-408-295-5991
- Heart of the Valley (escorted transportation and other services for seniors); 1-408-241-1571

A complete list of the City's community service nonprofit partners is posted on the City's website at **santaclaraca.gov/nonprofitpartners**, or call the Housing & Community Services Division at 1-408-615-2490.

October is Crime Prevention Month

October is National Crime Prevention Month, a time for everyone to think about how they can best protect their property. Here are a few suggestions from the Santa Clara Police Department:

- Keep your residence or business neat and clean, landscaping trimmed and thinned, pathways and walkways well lit, and give the appearance that someone is home even when they are not, or that the business has a vigilant owner.
- Make sure locks and locking devices work properly and are used properly.
- Mark valuable personal or business property with a designated serial number. If would-be burglars know property is marked, chances are they will not take it. It will be hard to get rid of and they will face felony charges if caught with stolen property.
- Get to know your neighbors by starting a Neighborhood Watch Group. Learn each other's habits. A watchful neighbor is an excellent crime deterrent.
- Call the Police Department if you observe a stranger behaving in a suspicious manner such as loitering, going door to door without any purpose, or removing property from a neighbor's residence or business in an odd way.

In order to "target harden your home" you have to "think like a burglar." Consider how a criminal might gain access to your home and then eliminate as many vulnerable points as you can.

Start a Neighborhood Watch group

Neighborhood Watch is a crime prevention program that enlists the participation of residents, in cooperation with law enforcement, to reduce crime in their neighborhoods. Neighborhood Watch groups take a proactive approach to fighting crime by becoming the extra set of eyes and ears for law enforcement.

The Neighborhood Watch program involves neighbors getting to know each other and working together in a program of mutual assistance. The program also teaches residents how to recognize and report suspicious activity or persons, and how to implement crime prevention techniques such as home security (locks, security hardware, lighting, and landscaping) and Operation Identification (the marking of valuable property with an identifying number).

Residents working together in cooperation with Santa Clara Police Department can fight crime in their neighborhoods the most effective way – before it begins!

If you are interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch group in your area, contact the Police Department's Crime Prevention Unit at 1-408-615-4876 or send an email to **rthomas@santaclaraca.gov**.

City Holiday Closure and Refuse Collection Schedule

- Monday, Sept. 3 Labor Day: City offices closed. Regular garbage, recycling, Clean Green collection.
- Monday, Sept. 10 Admission Day: City offices closed. Regular garbage, recycling, Clean Green collection.
- Friday, Oct. 5 Furlough Day: City offices closed. Regular garbage, recycling, Clean Green collection.
- Monday, Oct. 8 Columbus Day: City offices closed. Regular garbage, recycling, Clean Green collection.
- Monday, Nov. 12 Veterans Day Observed: City offices closed.
 Regular garbage, recycling, Clean Green collection.
- Thursday-Friday, Nov. 22-23 Thanksgiving Holidays: City offices closed. Garbage, recycling, Clean Green collection one day late.
- Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 22-23: Regular hours in City Libraries.
- Monday, Dec. 24 Furlough Day: City offices closed. Regular garbage, recycling, Clean Green collection.
- Tuesday, Dec. 25 Christmas Holiday: City offices closed. Garbage, recycling, Clean Green collection <u>one day late</u>.
- Wednesday-Friday, Dec. 26-28 Furlough Days: City offices closed. Regular garbage, recycling, Clean Green collection <u>one day</u> <u>late</u> due to Christmas Holiday.
- Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 29-30: Regular hours in City Libraries.
- Monday, Dec. 31 Furlough Day: City offices closed. Regular garbage, recycling, Clean Green collection.
- Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2013 New Year's Day: City offices closed. Garbage, recycling, Clean Green collection one day late.

If you have questions about refuse collection, call 1-408-615-3080. If you have questions about the Library hours, call 1-408-615-2900. If you have questions about City furlough days, call 1-408-615-2210.



Library Update Allowards Allowa

New Northside Branch Library under construction



Construction began in mid-July for the Northside Branch Library—a one-story, 17,355 square foot, state-of-the-art facility on a 1.5 acre site at the northeast corner of Rivermark Parkway and Moreland Way. It is expected to open in late 2013, and is a joint project of the City and the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends.

The Northside Branch Library will have dedicated spaces for young children, students and teens, as well as welcoming areas for adults and the Read Santa Clara adult literacy program. The building will include four small conference rooms, a 2,000-square-foot community room and a computer lab.

The idea for a branch library in the area first surfaced in 1960 during a campaign to annex Agnew Village to the City of Santa Clara. Community interest in the project grew as the Northside area added residents and businesses. The City Council approved the project in 2008 as part of the long-term Capital Improvement Program budget. The Great Recession and its negative impact on City revenues delayed the start until now.

Learn more during Public Power Week

More than 2,000 public power utilities across the U.S. will celebrate Public Power Week, Oct. 7-13. Locally, the City's municipal Electric Utility, Silicon Valley Power, will acknowledge the celebration with a presentation at the Central Park Library on Wednesday, Oct. 10, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on energy efficiency, renewable energy and electric safety.

As a not-for-profit utility, the Silicon Valley Power's primary responsibility is to serve and provide the community with reliable and environmentally friendly power at the lowest possible prices. See **siliconvalleypower.com** or call 1-408-244-SAVE (7283) for more information.

Sharing the joy of reading

If you know how to read, you take it for granted. But what if you couldn't read directional signs? Or instructions on medicine bottles? Or a job application? Or a bedtime story for your child? There are adults in our community who face these challenges every day. N.K. is one of them. She writes, "I don't like to ask anyone to help me do something. I would like to be independent. Thank you to my tutor and to Read Santa Clara. They help me read and write. They open my eyes."

Read Santa Clara, the adult and family literacy program of the Santa Clara City Library, provides free, confidential, one-on-one and small group tutoring to adults who can speak English, but need help improving their basic reading, writing, and math skills. The tutoring is done by volunteers who commit to at least two hours a week for a minimum period of six months. A tutor orientation and 12.5 hours of tutor training are provided before they begin.

Nancy, a volunteer tutor, writes, "As a child, I would 'sneak read' with a flashlight after I went to bed. My learner doesn't use a flashlight, but he lights up every time he learns a new concept or reads another book. His happy expression and excitement when he has another success makes me so very glad to be a part of this partnership."

Read Santa Clara will have an orientation for volunteers on Thursday, Oct. 4, 6:30-8 p.m. at the Mission Library, 1098 Lexington St. The next round of tutor training will be held on Saturdays, Oct. 13 and 20,

9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and Saturday., November 17, 9:30 a.m.-12 noon. Volunteers must be 18 years or older, and proficient in speaking, reading, and writing in English.

For details, call 1-408-615-2956 or email readsantaclara@santaclaraca.gov.

Fall programs at Central Park Library

To reserve a space at these free Library programs, please call 1-408-615-2900 or stop by the Central Park Library Reference Desk at 2635 Homestead Rd.

Internet Classes

Thursdays, 10:15-11:45 a.m.

Topics include "Internet Search" on Sept. 13, "Twitter for Beginners" on Sept. 20 and "Getting More Out of Twitter" on Sept. 27. Additional topics this fall will include Craigslist, free e-books, and genealogy searching. Dropin Help Labs will be held Wed., Sept. 12 and 26, from 10:15-11:15 a.m.

NASA Missions Update

Monday, Sept. 17, 7 p.m., Redwood Room

NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador Eric Norris will give a multimedia presentation with updates on NASA missions, including the Curiosity Rover's landing on Mars.

Master Gardeners present Cool Season Vegetable Gardening

Saturday, Sept. 22, 12 noon – 2 p.m.

Flower Arranging with Chris Citti

Tuesday, Sept. 25, 5-6:30 p.m.

"Otter 501" Film Screening

Sunday, Sept. 30, 2 p.m., Redwood Room

The documentary, "Otter 501," will be shown. It is the true story of an orphaned baby sea otter rescued on the California coast and brought to the Monterey Bay Aquarium for rehabilitation before being released back into the wild.

Estate Planning Seminar

Monday, Oct. 22, 7 p.m., Cedar Room

Attorney Eric Norris will talk about estate planning and writing your own will.

An Evening with Edgar Allen Poe

Tuesday, Oct. 23, 6:30 p.m., Redwood Room

Broadway and film veteran Duffy Hudson returns with his one-man play on writer and poet Poe, just in time for Halloween! Using a combination of biographical information and dramatic interpretation of Poe's literature, Hudson provides a unique, in-depth theatrical experience of the life and works of one of America's enigmatic personalities, known for his tales of mystery and the macabre. This program is recommended for 5th graders and older.

More Master Gardeners Programs

Saturday, Oct. 27, 12 noon-2 p.m. and Thursday, Nov. 17, 1-3 p.m.

Storytimes are back

Following a very successful Summer Reading Program, storytime sessions will return on Tuesday, Sept. 11. Separate sessions are scheduled for Baby Lapsit (0-12 months), Young Ones (12-24 months), Toddler (ages 2-3), Preschool (ages 3-5), and Family (all ages) storytimes. Parent Education workshops will also be offered this fall.

Check the Library's web calendar for dates and times of all programs. For more information, call 1-408-615-2916.

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SANTA CLARA SENIOR CENTER SERVICES

SERVICES AT THE SENIOR CENTER

Bus and Light Rail Passes

Monthly bus and light rail pass stickers for Regional Transit Discount Card Services available to all seniors age 65+ and people with disabilities

Care Management Services

Services available by appointment: in-home assessment, connection to community resources, service coordination

Services available to City of Santa Clara seniors age 60+

Health and Wellness

Services available by appointment: health education, healthcare coaching, social engagement, home visits, blood pressure and blood glucose screening Services available on drop in basis: blood pressure clinic Thursday 9:30-11:30am Services available to City of Santa Clara seniors age 50+

Health Insurance & Medicare Counseling (HICAP)

Free information & assistance on Medicare related issues; Tuesdays by appointment Services available to anyone on Medicare

Senior Resources

Information, resources, and referral to senior programs and services Services available to City of Santa Clara seniors age 50+

Legal Assistance

Free legal assistance available two Wednesdays per month, by appointment Services available to Santa Clara County seniors age 60+

Notary Service

Free service by appointment, Fridays 8-9 am Signer must be present and provide government issued identification Services available to all seniors age 50+

Dining Out

Nutritionally balanced lunch served at the Santa Clara Senior Center Monday-Friday 11:30 am. Call one day ahead for reservations, \$2.50 donation Services available to Santa Clara County seniors age 60+

Tax Assistance

Offered throughout the year to seniors age 50+

SERVICES FOR SENIORS AND OTHERS THROUGH THE CITY OF SANTA CLARA

Electric Utility Assistance

Electric rate assistance programs offering 25% discount on electricity, available to those meeting medical or income eligibility Assistance available for attic insulation

Free home energy audits, info on appliance rebates, and tool lending

Grab bars/Ramps/Accessibility

Grants available, based on income, for accessible modifications Services available to all City of Santa Clara residents

Home Repairs

Low interest rate loans to homeowners for repairs, roof & window replacement, insulation, and exterior house painting. Grants available for emergency home repairs Services available to all City of Santa Clara residents

Library Home Delivery

Home delivery of library materials (books, CDs, books on tape) Services available to any homebound City of Santa Clara Resident **Medication Disposal**

Dispose of expired or unused prescription or over-the-counter medication Services available to all City of Santa Clara residents

ERVICES FOR SENIORS & OTHERS FROM SANTA CLARA'S COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Emergency housing

Shelter, housing, and support programs to help people rebuild their lives

Domestic Violence

Emergency shelter for women and children, crisis intervention, education Only for women age 18+ and mothers with children

Domestic Violence

Emergency shelter, counseling, support

Food

Free groceries

Free groceries, available weekly Free hot meal site listing

Frozen meal delivery

Available to homebound seniors, age 60+

Grief Counseling

Counseling, emotional support, support groups

Housing, Affordable

Assessment of housing needs, information and education, referral services, and application assistance

Housing Issues

Tenant/landlord disputes, mortgage foreclosure counseling, fair housing counseling and investigation

Transportation

Subsidized door-to-door transportation for ADA eligible people

Escorted Transportation for seniors residing in West Santa Clara County

Volunteer Services

Volunteers available for socialization, house projects, grocery shopping & more Age 59+ residing in West Santa Clara County

PROVIDER / PHONE / WEBSITE

Valley Transportation Authority 1-408-321-2300

Santa Clara Parks & Recreation Council on Aging Silicon Valley, 1-408-615-3170 www.coasiliconvalley.com

> Santa Clara Parks & Recreation 1-408-615-3170 www.santaclaraca.gov

Council on Aging Silicon Valley 1-408-615-3170

Santa Clara Parks & Recreation 1-408-615-3170 www.santaclaraca.gov

Senior Adult Legal Assistance (SALA) 1-408-615-3170 Volunteer

1-408-615-3170 www.santaclaraca.gov

Santa Clara Parks & Recreation & Santa Clara County 1-408-615-3174 www.santaclaraca.gov

AARP volunteer 1-408-615-3170 PROVIDER / PHONE / WEBSITE

City Electric Utility-Silicon Valley Power 1-408-244-7283 www.siliconvalleypower.com

City Housing & Community Services Division 1-408-615-2490

www.santaclaraca.gov City Housing & Community Services Division

1-408-615-2490 www.santaclaraca.gov

Santa Clara City Library 1-408-615-2904

Santa Clara Police Department 1-408-615-4700 www.santaclaraca.gov

PROVIDER / PHONE / WEBSITE

Emergency Housing Consortium (EHC Lifebuilders) 1-408-539-2100

Next Door Solutions to Domestic Violence 1-408-501-7550 Hotline 1-408-279-2962 www.nextdoor.org

Support Network for Battered Women 1-800-572-2782 www.supportnetwork.org

> St. Justin's Food Pantry 1-408-243-1462 www.st-justin.org

Second Harvest Food Bank

1-800-984-3663 Council on Aging Silicon Valley Meals on Wheels

1-408-296-8290 1-800-510-2020 www.coasiliconvalley.com

> Centre for Living With Dying Bill Wilson Center 1-408-243-0222 www.billwilsoncenter.org

Catholic Charities 1-408-468-0100 www.catholiccharitiesscc.org

> **Project Sentinel** 1-408-720-9888 www.housing.org

> > **Outreach and Escort** 1-408-436-2865 www.outreach1.org

Heart of the Valley Services for Seniors 1-408-241-1571 www.servicesforseniors.org

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Santa Clara Senior Center • 1303 Fremont Street, Santa Clara, CA 95050 • 1-408-615-3170 Mon-Fri 7 a.m.-5 p.m. • Sat 9 a.m.-12 noon

santaclaraca.gov • Office closes 30 minutes prior to building

Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

Disposal of household hazardous waste is safe and easy for Santa Clara residents at a drop-off event on Saturday, Sept. 29, at the City's Street Corporation Yard, 1700 Walsh Ave.

Residents must register to attend this event (or any of the drop-off events scheduled throughout the year) by calling the County Household Hazardous Waste Program at 1-408-299-7300 or going to **hhw.org** and clicking on the green "Make an Appointment" button.

Residents can dispose of fluorescent light tubes and compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs), paint, automotive fluids, cleaners, solvents, batteries, propane and helium tanks, fertilizers, pesticides, wood preservatives, Sharps containers, prescription medications, and other types of household hazardous wastes at any of the drop-off events.

The Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Program also accepts electronic waste (e-waste) at select drop-off events throughout the county. E-waste is generally considered to be items requiring a battery or cord to operate, such as televisions, computers, telephones, handheld video games, printers, fax machines, etc. <u>Items</u> NOT accepted include appliances and white goods (refrigerators, dishwashers, ovens, stoves, washing machines, dryers, microwaves, etc.), ammunition, explosives, reactives, or containers larger than five gallons. Contact the Police Department at 1-408-615-4700 regarding disposal of ammunition or explosives.

Sharps are household hazardous

waste

State law prohibits putting home-

generated sharps (disposable hypodermic needles, syringes, lancets, or other medical devices used for self injection or blood test, which may have a sharp tip or end) in trash or recycling containers.

To safely dispose of home-generated Sharps, place them in a biohazard Sharps container and contact your personal physician, clinic administrator, or pharmacist to ask if they have a take-back program in place.

The Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Program will accept home-generated Sharps stored in biohazard Sharps containers from residents at drop-off events, including the one on Sept. 29 in Santa Clara. You must make an appointment by calling 1-408-299-7300 or visiting the website hhw.org. A list of other dropoff locations can also be found on that site.

Kaiser Santa Clara provides a drop-off at 700 Lawrence Expressway for Kaiser members only, and the Santa Clara Police Department provides a drop-off for residents only at 601 El Camino Real.

Curbside (Continued from page 6)

Compact fluorescent light bulbs (single-family homes only; no fluorescent tubes) should be placed in separate clear plastic Ziploc-type bags and set next to the wheeled blue cart for collection. Large cardboard containers that cannot fit in the blue wheeled cart should be broken down into 3 ft. x 3 ft. pieces, bundled with string or twine and stacked next to the cart.

Questions? Call 1-408-970-5100 or go to recologysouthbay.com/residentialSantaClaraRec ycling.htm.

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Fall Genealogy Programs

A variety of programs to help residents learn more about their ancestry will be presented this fall in cooperation with the Santa Clara County Historical & Genealogical Society.

A three-part seminar on genealogy kicks off on Wednesday, Sept. 26, with an overview of family research basics. Participants will learn how to start completing family group sheets and pedigree charts. That seminar will be followed up on Friday, Oct.12 with a class on how to organize genealogy materials. It will also introduce several free and fee-based websites such as *Ancestry*, *RootsWeb*, and *Family Search*.

The final seminar on Saturday, Oct. 27, will explore U.S. Census and genealogy software. All three programs are 1-4:30 p.m. at Central Park Library Redwood Room. For more information, contact Local History Librarian Mary Hanel at **mhanel@santaclaraca.gov** or 1-408-615-2909. To register, call 1-408-615-2986 or register online at **scchgs.org/main/seminar.htm**.

Here are some additional programs being offered:

Organizing Your Family History Research, Tuesday, Sept. 18, 6 to 7:45 p.m. Organize your stacks of papers or electronic files to be able to find them when you need them. Debbie Shields, an adult education genealogy instructor and past president of the Genealogical Society, will discuss methods of organizing your genealogy information and methods that will work for you.

Truth in Church Records, Tuesday, Oct. 16, 6 to 7:45 p.m. Richard Ferman, Genealogy Society Program Chairman and SeniorNet instructor, will talk about how to determine the accuracy of church records and why they were created. Participants will learn how to track down original church records, and use government and vital records to supplement and analyze the accuracy of the family church records that you have uncovered.

Veterans Remembrance Symposium, Saturday, Nov. 3, 1–4 p.m. This symposium in honor of veterans who have served our country will feature a color guard ceremony and salute to flags along with presentations by Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of Union Veterans, and United Veterans Council.

All of these programs are free and open to the public, and will be held in the Central Park Library Cedar Room, 2635 Homestead Rd. Contact Local History Librarian Mary Hanel by email, mhanel@santaclaraca.gov or phone 1-408-615-2909 for more information, or check out the Genealogical Society meetings webpage at scchgs.org/main/meeting.html.

Help save the life of an animal

Cassidy arrived at the Silicon Valley Animal Control Authority (SVACA) Animal Care Center as a severely injured stray. The medical team treated her broken leg (most likely due to being hit by a car), and little by little nursed her back to health. No owner ever came to



look for Cassidy, but she found a new home at a SVACA Adopt-A-Thon. "Cassidy is just one of many animals who received a second chance at life in 2012 because of the community's generous support," said SVACA Shelter Manager Michael Limper. "Funded by donations, sick or injured animals that enter through our doors are treated and adopted into new homes."

The goal for 2013 is to save 90% of the animals that come into the Animal Care Center. Donations are used to rehabilitate sick or injured animals that require specialized veterinary care and to provide additional comfort for animals while they stay in the center. Tax-deductible donations can be made online at **svaca.com** or sent by mail to: SVACA's Animal Assistance Fund, 3370 Thomas Rd., Santa Clara, CA, 95054.

Another giving option is the Animal Care Center Sponsorship Program that supports and helps care for animals in need. Each sponsor is acknowledged on a plaque that is displayed in a room of the sponsor's choice.

As always, SVACA welcomes donations of items such as cat play structures and rabbit food. A complete "wish list" is on the website **svaca.com** along with more information on sponsorships and volunteer opportunities. Or call 1-408-764-0344.

SVACA is a joint powers authority that provides animal care and control services to the cities of Campbell, Monte Sereno and Santa Clara. Adoption services and volunteer opportunities are open to all in the Bay Area. Adopt a companion animal from SVACA, the Valley's only cageless animal care center!

Historic photo donated to the Santa Clara Central Park Library



1960 era aerial photo Stevens Creek Lawrence Station Road, Interstate 280 - This Hatfield Aerial Surveys photo taken circa 1960 was donated to the Santa Clara Central Park Library by Ben Hatfield, with framing paid for by the Santa Clara City Library Foundation and Friends. It will hang in the first floor Gallery between the Cedar and Redwood Rooms. The photograph was taken over the Santa Clara-Cupertino area where Stevens Creek Road, Lawrence Station Express Road, and Interstate 280 converge. There are orchards where Hewlett Packard would later to develop a campus (now the Agilent campus). Futurama Bowl was located at 5390 Stevens Creek Road where the Safeway Shopping Center is now. Pruneridge Avenue also can be seen on this aerial near the location where the donut shaped Apple "spaceship" campus is likely to be built in Cupertino. If you can provide more details about this photo, email Local History Librarian Mary Hanel at mhanel@santaclaraca.gov.

Student projects enhance Ulistac Natural Area



Local students worked on projects this summer at Ulistac Natural Area to enhance the community's enjoyment of this beautiful 40-acre open space.

Lillian Kao of Milpitas High School created a bird guide on laminated cards to help visitors become more familiar with birds likely to fly into the Ulistac Natural Area. Annie Zhang of Archbishop Mitty High School created a similar visitor guide identifying Ulistac plants.

Catherine Lo of Mission San Jose High School helped to create and photograph a waterway along the north edge of the Bird and Butterfly habitat garden. This project is funded by a grant from the Santa Clara Valley Water District to the City.

Lydia Kung of Washington High School, a talented artist in the Chinese brush painting tradition, created an artist's journal at Ulistac this summer, and will display a series of paintings in ink on paper featuring Ulistac plants and animals in a show this fall at City Hall.

In addition, Joey Brett of Wilcox High School completed his Eagle Scout requirements by setting logs and stones into the small pond at the east end of a waterway at Ulistac. Creating the pond and leading other Eagle Scout candidates-to-be was Joey's Eagle Scout project.

Volunteers of all ages are needed year-round at Ulistac. Work sessions are every first Saturday and third Sunday of the month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wear long pants, sturdy shoes, a hat, and bring water and a snack. Volunteers meet at the tool shed at the end of the Ulistac Natural Area South Entrance trail to sign in. Release forms can be downloaded from the City's website.

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SANTA CLARA ARTS & HISTORICAL CONSORTIUM

Santa Clara Museums















Pictured top to bottom, above:

- Triton Museum of Art
- de Saisset Museum
- Headen-Inman House
- Berryessa Adobe
- South Bay Historical Railroad Society Museum
- Harris-Lass Historic Museum
- Santa Clara Woman's Club Adobe

Triton Museum of Art

The Triton Museum of Art exists to enhance the quality of lives of people in Santa Clara and the Bay Area through a program of art, education, and community involvement. Rotating exhibits highlight the museum's permanent collection of 19th and 20th century American art. *Native Americans Yesterday and Today: Selections from the Austen D. Warburton Collection*, is a permanent exhibition. The museum buildings are owned by the City, but are operated by the nonprofit Triton Museum of Art. The museum is located at 1505 Warburton Ave., across the street from City Hall. The museum is open Tuesdays through Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., and until 9 p.m. on Thursdays. Closed Mondays. Admission and parking are free. For further information, call 1-408-247-3754, or visit the Triton website at **tritonmuseum.org**.

de Saisset Museum

The de Saisset Museum is the South Bay's free museum of art and history. The museum was founded adjacent to Mission Santa Clara de Asís on the Santa Clara University campus in 1955 and is one of only three museums in the South Bay accredited by the American Association of Museums. The de Saisset presents a diverse and accessible range of exhibitions and educational programs that highlight the art and history of the San Francisco Bay Area and the local Santa Clara Valley. The Museum's collection focuses on six main areas including California history, Mission-era liturgical vestments, decorative arts, works on paper, painting and sculpture, and new media. Admission to the de Saisset Museum is free. Galleries are open Tuesday-Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the academic year. To confirm hours and obtain more information visit scu.edu/desaisset or call 1-408-554-4528.

Headen-Inman House

The charming Headen-Inman House, 1509 Warburton Ave., includes a museum with photographs and artifacts related to the history of Santa Clara. Rotating exhibits by the Santa Clara Art Association are also on display. The Santa Clara Founders and Pioneers Room has exhibits featuring the founding families and early pioneers of Santa Clara County. The house, named after the two families who once owned it, is now owned by the City, but is operated by and is the headquarters of the nonprofit Santa Clara Arts & Historical Consortium. The museum is open most Sundays, from 1 to 4 p.m. Admission and parking are free. For further information, call 1-408-248-ARTS.

Berryessa Adobe

In the 1840s, this simple adobe dwelling was constructed about a mile west of Mission Santa Clara. The house was lived in by generations of families who immigrated to Santa Clara to labor in

the fields and factories, and to make new lives for themselves. Purchased by the City of Santa Clara in 1997 and restored in 2002, the Berryessa Adobe is one of the last adobes in the Santa Clara Valley, and is an interpretive site on the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. It is located at 373 Jefferson Street and generally open Thursdays and Saturdays, 12 noon to 2 p.m., or by arrangement. Group tours may also be arranged. For more information, call 1-408-615-2488 or email: BerryessaAdobe@santaclaraca.gov.

South Bay Historical Railroad Society

The South Bay Historical Railroad Society was founded in 1985 with the goal of preserving the heritage of American railroading. SBHRS accomplished the major task of renovating the historic Santa Clara Depot, and maintains the facility and researches its history. The group also built and maintains onsite HO and N scale museum-grade model train layouts. The Santa Clara Depot, at the Santa Clara Caltrain Station, is regularly open to the public every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Tuesdays from 6 to 9 p.m., at 1005 Railroad Ave. Call 1-408-243-3969 for further information, or visit the website at sbhrs.org.

Harris-Lass Historic Museum

The Harris-Lass Historic Museum, located at 1889 Market St., is the last preserved farm site in the City of Santa Clara. The property, which includes a large fully furnished Italianate-style home, barn, summer kitchen and a tank house, is named for the two families who owned it and lived there for 125 years. The museum is now owned by the City, but is operated by the nonprofit Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara, and staffed entirely by volunteers. Guided tours aid visitors in learning about local history and life in the early 1900s. Museum hours are most Saturdays and Sundays, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and seniors. Parking is free. For details about visiting the museum, call 1-408-249-7905 or see harrislass.org.

Santa Clara Woman's Club Adobe

The Santa Clara Woman's Club Adobe, located at 3260 The Alameda, is a State-registered landmark and one of the oldest surviving adobe structures in northern California. With its origins dating to 1784, the Pena adobe was originally part of a row of houses for married Indian couples. The Santa Clara Woman's Club now uses the adobe as its club headquarters and meeting place. The Woman's Club provides encouragement and support for youth in Santa Clara, and cooperates with other organizations to aid seniors, veterans and the handicapped. Call 1-408-246-8000 for more information.

Other Consortium Member Groups

Los Fundadores y Amigos de Alta California, the Founders and Friends of Santa Clara County

The goals of Los Fundadores are to preserve the history and heritage of Santa Clara County and early California, to maintain a museum room in the Headen-Inman House, to provide rotating genealogical displays, and to develop research materials for the library room at the museum. The group was established in 1987 by Evalyn Martinez. It publishes a quarterly newsletter aimed at preserving the history and heritage of the founding families and early pioneers of Santa Clara County from its founding through 1889. For more information, call Evalyn Martinez at 1-408-926-1165.

Santa Clara Players

The Santa Clara Players is a talented local theater group that performs in the 80-seat Hall Pavilion of the Triton Museum of Art. Its season runs from October through June and includes three public productions plus one-act plays that can be performed for groups by special arrangement. Call 1-408-248-7993 for more information or visit **scplayers.org**.

Santa Clara Sister Cities Association

Individuals interested in promoting an appreciation for the world and its diverse cultures are invited to join the Santa Clara Sister Cities Association (SCA). Membership is open to both residents of Santa Clara and non-residents. SCA works closely with the City's International Exchange Commission which coordinates exchange programs with Santa Clara's two sistercities: Coimbra, Portugal and Izumo, Japan. The group meets four or five times during the year at the Senior Citizens Center in Santa Clara. For more information on the Santa Clara Sister Cities Association, or opportunities to host visitors, contact SCA President Debi Davis at 1-408-244-7551 or see the website at santaclarasistercities.org.

Santa Clara Valley Porcelain Artists

Santa Clara Valley Porcelain Artists is dedicated to studying, teaching and promoting the art of china, glass and porcelain painting. Activities include monthly meetings/luncheons, workshops/seminars, demonstrations, porcelain exchange, and community involvement. For more information, call Arline Norsworthy at 1-408-296-8319.

Consortium Member Groups include:

City of Santa Clara* – Agnews Historic Cemetery & Museum, and Berryessa Adobe

de Saisset Museum*

Garden City Doll Club

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Historic Preservation Society of Santa Clara*

KKUP Radio

Los Fundadores, Founders and Friends of Santa Clara Co.

Mission City Opera

Mission Trail Early Ford V-8 Club

Orchard Valley Fine Arts Foundation

Santa Clara Art Association* Santa Clara City Library*

Santa Clara County Democratic Club

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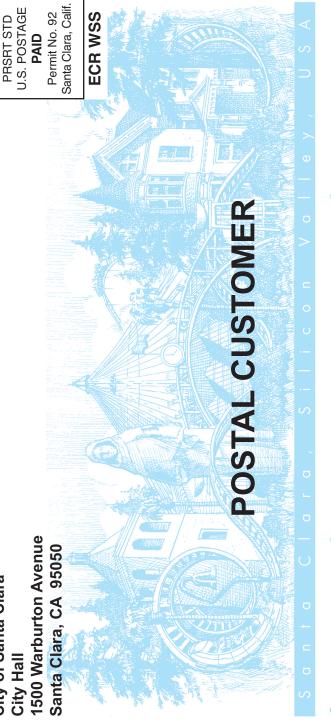
Santa Clara Woman's Club*

Soroptimist International of Santa Clara* South Bay Historical Railroad Society*

Spanish Heritage Society

Triton Museum of Art*

*Affiliate Members



Students receive green energy scholarships



Students received scholarships from the City's electric utility to further their electric-related studies. They are (L to R) finendra Jain, Anthony Fernandez, and Anna Quezon.

College students Anthony Fernandez, Anna Quezon and Jinendra Jain of Santa Clara have each received \$5,000 scholarships from Silicon Valley Power, Santa Clara's municipal Electric Utility. The scholarships, presented at a City Council meeting as part of a Council goal to "Support and Celebrate Community/Volunteer Partnerships," are awarded to outstanding students for their studies related to energy services, public power and/or the power industry.

Fernandez is pursuing a University of Nevada, Reno degree in mechanical engineering and biotechnology and is interested in finding alternative sources of energy to reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

Quezon, a San Jose State University student studying for a degree in business management with a double

minor in economics and environmental studies, hopes to work with environmental industries that focus on energy conservation.

Jain plans to attend the University of California, Berkeley, this fall to study electrical engineering and computer sciences. He is interested in solar power for cars and homes, and as a commercial power source.

Stay informed about job opportunities

Applicants for City of Santa Clara employment opportunities can sign up online to receive an email notification when the City begins accepting applications for jobs matching their areas of interest.

To register for the new City of Santa Clara job interest electronic notification system, visit: agency.governmentjobs.com/cityofsantaclaraca/default.cfm?action=openjobrequest or click on the Job Interest Card link from the City of Santa Clara Human Resources Department page. Select your categories of interest and complete the personal information section to identify which email account to use for your notification alerts. Please note that the career categories are standard for the Employment Application System and not necessarily indicative of the type of jobs available at the City of Santa Clara.

Prospective candidates may also call the City's Job Employment Hotline at1-408-615-JOBS or visit the City's website at **santaclaraca.gov** to learn about current City of Santa Clara recruitments.

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Steel for stadium on the rise



The first steel beams forming the frame of the new stadium were set in place on July 30, 2012, marking another major step in the project construction. Approximately 18,000 tons of steel in total will support the 1.85 million square foot stadium. Fourteen thousand pieces of steel, the largest weighing 36,000 pounds, will be used. The four

cranes being used for steel assembly were shipped from Austria, and each is able to lift 20,000 pounds, or the equivalent of five average size cars. There are only about 30 of these types of cranes currently in the USA, and the cranes can reach 338 feet at full height. The steel being used to build the stadium's structural frame was Made in USA with 95% recycled material. The steel erection should be largely complete by year end. Other aspects of the stadium underway include the prefabrication of 2,000 pieces of precast concrete sections that will create the treads, risers, steps and stadium walls. A live webcast of stadium construction can be viewed from a link on the bottom portion of the City's website at santaclaraca.gov.

The Santa Clara Stadium, new home for the San Francisco 49ers, was designed by HNTB, and is being built by Turner/Devcon. The \$1.2 billion venue seats approximately 68,500 and will feature an expected 165 luxury suites and 9,000 club seats. It was designed to be a multi-purpose facility with the flexibility to host a wide range of events including domestic and international soccer, college football, motocross, concerts and various civic events, and will be expandable for major events such as the Super Bowl. Other stadium construction facts: more than 3,000 foundation piles were drilled at an average depth of 55 feet; 50 miles of utilities, cabling and pipes have been laid underground; 17,000 cubic yards of concrete have been poured, equivalent to the foundation slabs for 340 - 2,000 sq. ft. homes; and about 300 workers are currently on site, with that number projected to swell to 1,000 by the end of 2012.